

After I returned from England, in November, 1843, I began a correspondence with several friends in England, chiefly on the subject of Slavery. Among them was Miss Mary Carpenter. When (in 1877-78) her nephew, Mr. J. Edwin Carpenter, undertook to write a memoir of her, he asked of me, the loan of any letters of hers which I had preserved.

I at once sent to him all her letters to me, - I had never destroyed any - considering them as now rightfully belonging to her family, and portions of those letters appear in the memoir which was published in 1879.

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Prof. Carpenter, subsequently to my sending to him his aunt's letters, sent to me the within letters of mine to her. They may be interesting to some of "the old Abolitionists", but I can hardly think them to have any special value. They were written simply in the spirit of friendship, & mutual interest in a great & most absorbing cause.

Leicester Mass.
July 6. 1880.

Samuel May

June 29/87
I have sent
all the more
important to
W. P. Garrison



